

**Opportunity Title:** EPA Fellowship in Communications Outreach for the Office of Water

**Opportunity Reference Code:** EPA-OW-IO-2022-02

**Organization** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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A complete application consists of:

- An application
- Transcript(s) – For this opportunity, an unofficial transcript or copy of the student academic records printed by the applicant or by academic advisors from internal institution systems may be submitted. All transcripts must be in English or include an official English translation. Click [here](#) for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- Two educational or professional recommendations. Click [here](#) for detailed information about recommendations.

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

#Communication #water #stormwater, #wastewater, #wetlands #policy

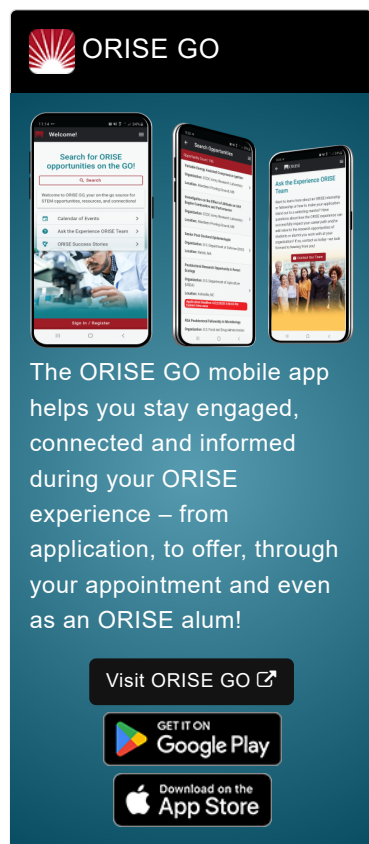
**Application Deadline** 1/23/2023 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

**Description** **\*Applications may be reviewed on a rolling-basis and this posting could close before the deadline.** Click [here](#) for information about the selection process.

**EPA Office/Lab and Location:** A research training opportunity is currently available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Water (OW), Immediate Office (IO), with the Communications and External Engagement Staff in Washington, D.C.

**Research Project:** The Communications and External Engagement Staff in EPA's Office of Water supports a wide breadth of outreach activities for the office. Topics include, but not limited to, drinking water, storm-water, wastewater, oceans, wetlands, infrastructure, health criteria, permitting, and more. The objective of this project is to support the Communications office through outreach activities, researching media topics, writing documents, and overall support of effective public engagement on water issues.

**Learning Objectives:** This opportunity will provide the participant with exposure to a broad range of technical and policy issues surrounding water programs. The participant will have the opportunity to apply their writing skills to engage with the public on water-related topics. Under the guidance of a mentor, the participant may have the opportunity to be involved in the following team activities: strategic communications roll outs, social media campaigns, collaboration on high-visibility press engagement, talking point development and speech writing. The research participant will have the opportunity to collaborate with Office of Water program offices, including Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water; Office of Wastewater



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Management; Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds; and the Office of Science and Technology.

**EPA Contact:** The Lab Coordinator for questions about this opportunity is Christina Wadlington ([wadlington.christina@epa.gov](mailto:wadlington.christina@epa.gov)). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the Lab Coordinator directly.

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date: Winter 2023.** All start dates are flexible and vary depending on numerous factors. Click [here](#) for detailed information about start dates.

**Appointment Length:** The appointment will initially be for one year and may be renewed up to three additional years upon EPA recommendation and subject to availability of funding.

**Level of Participation:** The appointment is full-time.

**Participant Stipend:** The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience. **At this time, the annual stipend for bachelor's degrees is ~\$50,643 and master's degrees is ~\$61,947.** Click [here](#) for detailed information about full-time stipends.

**EPA Security Clearance:** Completion of a successful background investigation by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is required for an applicant to be on-boarded at EPA.

**ORISE Information:** This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and EPA. Participants do not become employees of EPA, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE.

ORISE offers all ORISE EPA graduate students and Postdocs a free 5-year membership to the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA).

The successful applicant(s) will be required to comply with Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) requirements of the hosting facility, including but not limited to, COVID-19 requirements (e.g., facial covering, physical distancing, testing, vaccination).

**Questions:** Please see the [FAQ section](#) of our website. After reading, if you have additional questions about the application process, please email [ORISE.EPA.OW@orau.org](mailto:ORISE.EPA.OW@orau.org) and include the reference code for this opportunity.

**Qualifications** The qualified candidate should be currently pursuing or have received a bachelor's or master's degree in one of the relevant disciplines. Degree must have been received within the past five years.








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**Preferred Skills:**

- Relevant experience in communicating with the public
- Relevant experience in environmental science or policy
- Strong writing skills highly preferred.
- Skills in teamwork and collaboration would enhance the research experience.

**Eligibility Requirements**

- **Citizenship:** LPR or U.S. Citizen
- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or anticipated to be received by 2/28/2023 11:59:00 PM.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([1](#) )
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([6](#) )
  - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([1](#) )
  - **Earth and Geosciences** ([1](#) )
  - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** ([14](#) )
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([1](#) )
  - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** ([29](#) )